

June 9, 2011 Testimony for the House Judiciary Committee on SB130

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thanks for the opportunity to testify on this bill on behalf of the National Motorists Association (NMA).

We oppose this bill on several grounds, and opposed a similar bill last session.

First, it will add more unlicensed and therefore uninsured drivers to our roads and we have many thousands of those due to the tragic Driver Responsibility Act. We do not need to create even one more unlicensed driver for financial grounds.

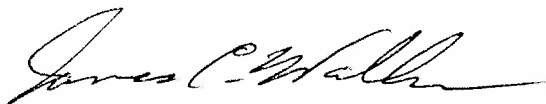
Second, if the bill were amended to withhold renewal of the vehicle's license plates, this would be far more appropriate. AND it would get the city money faster because plates are on a one year renewal and drivers licenses are only every four years. Plus it solves the issue of who to sanction with a business vehicle – you sanction the vehicle.

Third, it would be much better for cities to clamp or tow the offending vehicles with too many parking tickets. It would get the city their money in one or two days in most cases and it would not burden the Secretary of State with more bureaucratic duties.

So we oppose the bill in its current form, but support the principle of finding proper ways for cities to collect excessive numbers of unpaid parking tickets.

I would be happy to take any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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